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23 October 1951

TO : STC
Operational Clearance Officer

FROM : Chief, NSA/SO

SUBJECT: PELOPS

1. Request Operational Clearance for the above subject to be used as chief liaison and director of operations for Project AIM. His cover will be his normal occupation.
2. Part II FRQ is attached.
3. In any investigation to be made of subject, general government interest, not CIA, may be shown.

Attachment

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PERSONAL RECORD QUESTIONNAIRE

Part II - OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CASE OFFICER:

1. If feasible, subject should fill in Part I of PRQ in his own hand.
2. Part II of PRQ is classified, must be filled in by the case officer and is not to be shown to subject.
3. Headquarters will not be able to provide an operational clearance unless it receives answers to all questions on page 1 of Part I (Items 1 to 12), and to all questions of Part II (Items 36 to 58).
4. In emergency these answers, keyed to Items 1 to 12 by number, and with summary of Part II, may be cabled to Headquarters, followed promptly by pouch with complete data.
5. Fully completed PRQ must be sent to Headquarters as soon as possible, two copies of Part I (including copy in subject's handwriting, if possible) and one copy of Part II.
6. Data acquired later must be sent to Headquarters in PRQ format on a continuing basis.
7. All pages of both parts will bear the PRQ number, composed of (a) station symbol (b) PRQ (c) number assigned consecutively by the field station; e.g. PGA/PRQ/10.

36. Cryptonym PELOPS

37. How, when and where was subject first contacted or developed?

Contacted in the fall of 1947 []

38. Could subject be turned over quickly and in a secure manner to

someone else for handling? Yes To whom? Any U.S. official of sufficient stature and training.

39. Best estimate of subject's motivation

Since Subject is a leader of anti-Communist and anti-Soviet organization, it is natural that he would wish to affiliate with a powerful country which is also anti-Communist and anti-Soviet. Also, he feels that if people of his nationality are to have an independent country of their own, it can be achieved only with the help of the U.S.A.

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40. With what agencies and files has subject's name been checked? When?

Result? What else has been done to verify biographical information furnished by subject?

Subject is an extremely prominent man known to the U.S. Department of State and the United States Army. It is the understanding of [] that his record with the U.S. Army is on file in Washington. Since he has been in contact with the U.S. Army since 1945 and with CAS since 1947, Subject has without doubt been checked repeatedly. There is no way to do such checking in Beirut without revealing our interest in Subject. Nothing has been done here to verify the biographical background except by discreet questioning.

41. What control exists over subject at present? How can it be increased?

No real control exists over Subject except his own desire to be affiliated with the USA. Control could be attained by meeting some of his demands, especially for such things as firearms, etc.

42. For what service does he think he is working? What does he think becomes of his information?

He knows that he is affiliated with an intelligence service of the United States government.

43. Explain fully subject's past or present connection with any intelligence service.

The Chief of Station cannot supply this information. It is known that Subject was affiliated with U.S. Army intelligence in Germany. As commander-in-chief of the forces of his own nationality, he operated his own intelligence service. As a head of AIN, he now has his own intelligence service.

44. What type of information has subject furnished? What type is he best qualified by education and experience to furnish? Give evaluation of information received.

Subject has provided information on Communist activities in Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq. He has provided limited military information from the Soviet Union, Rumania, and Bulgaria. His organization appears best qualified to run operations into the Iron Curtain countries and the Soviet Union. The information received from him has tended to be accurate. If of doubtful value, he has qualified it in that manner.

45. If subject's duties are to be other than intelligence gathering, explain.

Subject's duties include training of W/T operators, sabotage units, etc.

46. Has he been given special training as an agent? Explain.

Not by us.

47. How and from whom does he obtain information?

From his own agents and informants.

48. Is it proposed to pay subject a regular salary? If so, amount per week, month, etc. Explain any other methods of payment, such as exchange commodities.

Subject is paid no salary by us. One of his men, PENGGO, already cleared, receives a monthly salary, and we pay for apartment space for W/T training, etc.

49. Have any promises or commitments whatsoever (not covered elsewhere in this form) been made to subject? Explain.

None

50. Are subject's language abilities and other characteristics such that he could pass as a native of a country or region other than his own? Explain.

No

51. What is subject's social standing? Aristocracy, upper middle class, lower middle class, peasantry, etc.? Comes from upper middle class stock. Is regarded as an aristocrat by people of his nationality because of his service to them.

52. What are subject's personal habits? Liquor, drugs, gambling, mistresses or lovers?

Subject drinks moderately. He is an elderly man of outstanding character deeply attached to his wife and one living son.

53. Evaluation of subject's character, reliability, security.

Subject is a man of excellent character. His reliability is great, and his sense of security, due to having run operations under trying conditions, probably exceeds that of almost any American.

54. With what other foreign power would subject be most likely to collaborate because of his ideology, obligation, etc.? Explain.

Great Britain. Next to the USA, Subject regards Great Britain as the nation most likely to help his people obtain a national home.

55. What special abilities, talents, or qualifications are possessed by subject which would conceivably be of value for other operations in the future?

Subject would be of value as long as his attention is kept focused on the Communist Party and the Soviet Union. Other than those targets, little else would interest him.

56. Attach samples of subject's signature and handwriting in all languages known to him, also a recent, dated photograph, and fingerprints.

To be acquired later.

57. How was information in Part I obtained?

Part I information was obtained from conversations with Subject, with his liaison officer, PELEUS, and from the visa applications of Subject and his wife when applying for permission to enter the U.S.A.

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58. Other miscellaneous operational data and comments.

Subject has proved his value in three years of contact with representatives of the U.S.A.

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